published in "The Statesman" in its issue dated the 7th February, 2002 and the editor of the newspaper also conceded that the reporter had erred in not cross-checking the version he got from Shri S. N. Mishra.

Delhi Police have also not received any complaint from any resident of Batla House regarding harassment in connection with tenant verification.

(c) The number of persons prosecuted during the last three years is as follows:

1999 — 205
2000 — 226
2001 — 1034

Human rights violation in jails

*343. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of human rights violations in various jails in the country are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, what are the total number of cases reported in various States/UTs of human rights violations; and

(c) what action Central Government have taken to punish officials responsible for serious human rights violations in police stations and jails throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) A statement showing State-wise details of cases of alleged human rights violation in various jails received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from 1.4.99 to 25.2.2002 (year-wise) is given in the Statement which is self-explanatory (*See* below).

(c) The NHRC has from time to time advised the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to curb the occurrence of custodial deaths and also for improving the conditions in jails. As far as deaths in judicial/police custody are concerned, the Commission has issued

instructions to the States/UTs to inform the Commission on incidents of custodial deaths within 24 hours of their occurrence. After calling for reports from the authorities concerned, if the Commission comes to the conclusion that there is a *prima-facie* case of custodial violence, the Commission recommends, to the concerned authorities to take disciplinary/departmental action as well as initiate prosecution proceedings against the delinquent police/jail officials. Further, while recommending monetary compensation by way of immediate interim relief to the next of kin of the deceased, the Commission has recommended, in some cases the recovery of the amount paid as compensation from the concerned police/jail officials. Since jail administration is looked after by the State Government, the recommendations of the NHRC are also being implemented by them.

Statement

State-wise Details of Cases of Alleged Human Rights Violation in Various Jails (including Deaths in Judicial Custody) from 1.4.1999 to 25.2.2002 *(Year-wise)*

Sl. No.	State	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
		Human Rights Violation	Deaths in Judicial Custody	Human Rights Violation	Deaths in Judicial Custody	Human Rights Violation upto 25.2.2002	Deaths in Judicial Custody upto 31.1.2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	86	73	96	76	88	70
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	1	1	0	0
3.	Assam	25	22	13	11	18	18
4.	Bihar	217	155	239	137	212	121
5.	Goa	6	2	7	3	4	4
6.	Gujarat	33	19	50	27	62	37
7.	Haryana	78	24	106	20	58	28
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	2	2	6	0
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	2	0	6	1	3	0
10.	Karnataka	93	35	76	41	59	34

11.	Kerala	21	14	34	26	34	30
12.	Madhya Pradesh	78	58	89	37	77	29
13.	Maharashtra	1	126	347	104	172	104
14.	Manipur	3	1	0	0	1	0
15.	Meghalaya	0	2	0	0	2	2
16.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	1	0
17.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	1	0
18.	Orissa	66	45	79	55	74	43
19.	Punjab	72	42	114	48	114	55
20.	Rajasthan	116	45	101	38	112	44
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	90	48	53	24	63	38
23.	Tripura	3	0	1	0	0	0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	423	141	515	121	476	147
25.	West Bengal	53	43	56	38	60	45
26.	A and N Islands	3	2	3	2	0	0
27.	Chandigarh	0	0	5	2	6	0
28.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Delhi	92	19	136	28	90	22

Sl. No.	State	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
		Human Rights Violation	Deaths in Judicial Custody	Human Rights Violation	Deaths in Judicial Custody	Human Rights Violation upto 25.2.2002	Deaths in Judicial Custody upto 31.1.2002
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	3	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Chhattisgarh	25	0	40	29	30	22
34.	Jharkhand	56	0	65	33	81	49
35.	Uttaranchal	12	0	31	6	27	6
	TOTAL:	1657	916	2265	910	1931	948